

# REIGN OF CRIME AND PILLAGE IN PARIS

City and Its Suburbs Infested With Thieves, Who Are Hunted By Soldiers—Seine Is Falling Rapidly—Indications Are That Damage to Underground System Will Be Less Than Expected—Thousands Are Homeless and Pestilence Is Feared.

**LATEST DEVELOPMENT PARIS FLOOD SITUATION.**  
City and suburbs overrun with thieves who are hunted down like wolves by police and soldiers. Seine falling at the rate of half an inch an hour.  
Water receding from many flooded sections, permitting work of disinfection.  
Cave-in in many principal streets indicates that more damage may be expected from undermining.  
La Patrie arraigns President Fallieres for what it terms his negligent contribution to the relief fund, comparing his donation with that of other rulers.  
Engineers pronounce tunnels not seriously damaged to date.  
Hundreds of persons still being rescued in boats from suburbs where water is twelve feet high in places.

Paris, Jan. 31.—A reign of crime and pillage, instigated by thieves and Apaches, is sweeping the flood-devastated sections of Paris and its suburbs today despite the vigilance of the thousands of soldiers and police.  
The increasing depredations, which were first mentioned in United Press dispatches only to be denied by the government authorities, have so enraged the people that they are taking the law in their own hands and are even fighting with the authorities who attempt to drive the looters from the people's wrath.  
At Alfortville today a boat containing four Apaches was chased by a boatload of marines. A revolver fire was kept up between the two crews, the looters' boat finally being sunk by the fire of the marines. Two of the robbers were drowned, one was captured and lynched, and the fourth escaped.

Another boat, manned by two pirates, was captured by a police boat. The lynching of the robbers was narrowly prevented by the police.

A thief arrested at Ivry attempted to sink the boat of his captors. The latter fired a rope to the robber, threw him overboard and then fired at him through the icy waters for three-quarters of an hour. The man was so chilled when finally taken from the water that it is believed he will die.

An attempt to lynch a looter here in Paris was prevented by the arrival of the police who cut down the robber just in time to save his life. The act of the police so enraged the people that they turned on the officers and fought a pitched battle with them.

Eight armed robbers took refuge in a deserted hotel and for more than an hour held at bay the mob that sought their lives. The police finally gained entrance to the building and overpowered the robbers.

At Ivry a robber held off a boatload of police by flourishing a dirk. His boat was finally overpowered by means of a pike and the robber was caught. Eighty dollars and a large amount of jewelry were found on him.

Another fight between an Apache in a boat and policemen occurred at Issy. Both boats were sunk but the robber was captured.

Firemen and Apaches fought a battle at Puteaux in which one of the firemen and one of the robbers were dangerously wounded. The robbers were finally captured and sent to the police station. They were found looting a villa.

The villas at Saint Denis have suffered greatly from looters while in the Bois de Vincennes it is not worth a citizen's life to venture from his home after dark.

Scores of fights have occurred and it is probable that the police and soldiers will be ordered to shoot on sight hereafter rather than to attempt to arrest the marauders.

Charenton is overrun with thieves and the people there are being forced to flee as the authorities have proved impotent to check the lawlessness. La Patrie today makes another attack of President Fallieres for what it terms his negligent contribution to the relief fund. It compares Fallieres' gift of \$4,000 with those of \$10,000 from the King of Italy, \$7,000 from the czar, \$5,000 from King Edward of England, \$5,000 from the Queen of England, \$2,500 from the Prince of Wales, \$4,000 from ex-President Loubet, \$20,000 from Mme. Loubet and \$6,000 from M. Loubet's son.

The President is held up to the severest criticism and ridicule. Frank Coust sent his check for \$5,000 to President Fallieres today.  
Other donations received from America were \$20,000 from the Standard Oil Company and \$10,000 from Speyer & Company, bankers.

Paris, Jan. 31.—With 200,000 actually homeless in Paris and the suburban towns and 300,000 without employment with hundreds still imperilled by the acute distress, the announcement is made that the government "has the situation in hand." This statement means no more than that the crisis from the flood itself has been passed and that if everything goes well and none of the threatened dangers materialize, the city is in a position to recover from its terrible plight.

The Seine is receding but only at the rate of half an inch an hour, the stage at midnight at the Pont d'Austerlitz being 26 feet and 9 inches. At 8 o'clock the stage was 26 feet and 6 inches.

As the situation slowly improves in Paris the people are coming to a realization that they have not suffered alone. In the town and provinces conditions are as deplorable as in the capital. At Bry-Sur-Marne, a town of 20,000, it is estimated that 2,000 are destitute and suffering. This town is but a sample of nearly every city and hamlet along the rivers of eastern and southern France. The military activities continue unabated in Paris today. In Paris the soldiers' work was chiefly to guard endangered property from the idle crowds that swarm the city and to distribute food rations to the destitute.

In such suburbs as Alfortville and Gennevilliers, a more serious task confronted the military, that of saving scores of imperilled residents. All day long boats put in from these and other suburbs, loaded with luckless families that had been picked off the roofs of their homes. Many of these had been without food for several days and were sick and delirious. That there is still

# NEW BUILDING CODE SCISSORED FROM UNDERWRITERS' AND THE CLEVELAND BUILDING CODES

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As Proposed Legislation Contains 50,000 Words, This Is at Rate of 7 Cents a Word

Code Is Costliest Piece of Plagiarized Literature Ever Offered to a City Government.

In the list of appropriations recommended by the City Auditor appears the following:  
"Revision of building laws, First District, \$3,491.25."  
It is the sum the taxpayers are expected to pay for the Building Code. The Code contains about 50,000 words.  
It is the most expensive piece of literature in which the city has ever been entangled.  
Each and every one of those words is charged at substantially seven cents. This would be a pretty high price for original literature, especially of the didactic school.  
But the Building Code is not original.  
It is on the contrary, a plagiarism and has been scissored, snatched and assembled with such changes as would impair the clearness of the ten commandments should they be treated to the same process.  
There is a building code recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. It is furnished to cities ready for adoption, in whole or in part.  
The City of Cleveland also has a building code, which is thought to be one of the best in the country.  
The Bridgeport Code is substantially a compilation of these two codes. It is such a compilation as a fairly intelligent school boy could make with a paste pot and a pair of scissors, a few sheets of paper and a lead pencil in about four hours.  
Such changes as have been made are of a trifling nature. They are the work of a reasonably competent lawyer, inside of six or seven hours, so that the total labor involved in preparing the code ought not to have been more than a few hours more than two days of ten hours each.  
Thousands of words of both codes have been embodied outright in the Bridgeport Code.  
In other cases the Cleveland code and the underwriters code have been sandwiched without apparently improvement or good reason.  
Sometimes the source of the borrowed is obscured by very slight changes in the language.  
Sometimes the paragraphs of borrowed portions are rearranged. Usually the rearrangement does not improve the original draft.  
The Underwriters' code is remarkable for its convenience. It is arranged in the manner in which the subject matter is arranged in chapters, and because of the manner in which these chapters are arranged into paragraphs, and divided by appropriate titles and sub-titles.  
In the Bridgeport code borrowed portions are rearranged, and have been shoved together so that the clearness which came out of the arrangement is sacrificed.  
Some slight changes in the verbiage have been made, but no improvement over the original.  
For instance portions of the Underwriters' Code have been borrowed, in portions thus conveniently arranged, it is provided that the thickness of a wall shall be increased four inches.  
The language "half a brick" has been substituted for "one brick" in place of four inches, but not every time. A brick is sometimes one dimension and sometimes another dimension, but four inches is always four inches.  
Sometimes the spirit of the borrowed codes has been departed from without any good reason.  
Here is an example:  
The Bridgeport Code provides an inner fire limits in which all buildings shall be of fire proof construction.  
But it says that grain, elevators, coal pockets and ice houses may be built within the inner limits and not be of fire proof construction.  
But the Underwriters' Code says that grain elevators and coal pockets that they shall not be erected as usually constructed "in isolated localities" and under such conditions as the commissioner of buildings may prescribe.  
The Underwriters' Code further provides that "sheds on piers or wharves, or on the water front shall be of iron, or other incombustible materials."  
The "inner fire limits of a city" are not usually a locality of isolated sites.  
Two excellent building codes have been badly chopped to make one code not so excellent.  
But 50,000 words at 7 cents a word seems a bit stiff for a production embodying so little original effort as does the proposed new Building Code.

Among the portions of the proposed code that have been borrowed practically verbatim from the Cleveland code and which are not much obscured by rearrangement are two galleries of definitions and tables giving factors of safety, calculation of stresses, masonry, safe load for brick work, strains of columns, direct and oblique strains for various materials, bending stresses, floor and roof loads, and many others.

Among the principal portions of the proposed code, lifted from the National Underwriters' code, are the provisions relating to construction of theatres and constructions of fire proof buildings which contain more than a third of the entire draft.

**MISS STERLING TO WED**  
The wedding of Mr. Arthur Seymour Brown of Ansonia and Miss Ruth Prindle Sterling, this city, which will take place in this city, Feb. 2, will be one of the most interesting society events of the winter. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Sterling of 79 Poplar street. The groom is the manager of the Coe Brass Co., Ansonia.

**BEER DROPS, BUT NOT ITS PRICE**  
Weak Beam In Slaughter House Requires Attention of Police Commissioner Bogart.

Health Commissioner Frank G. Bogart was called to the slaughter house in Asylum street, this morning. Several carcasses of beef, hung from a single beam, caused a crash and let the meat down onto the floor. The commissioner ordered a heavier timber for the structure and the meat was taken down. Commissioner Bogart said on leaving the place that slaughter house was far too small and that it was too old and that it could not afford a larger structure of concrete and corrugated iron.

**Deaths and Funerals.**  
In a state of unconsciousness since he suffered a shock, Friday afternoon, Andrew L. Hull, passed away this morning at his home, 349 John street, at the age of 80 years. Friday afternoon Mrs. Hull had gone out shopping about 3 o'clock. On her return she found the body of her husband apparently lifeless on the kitchen floor. Dr. S. M. Garlick was summoned, and left about 8 o'clock this morning. He found a comfortable condition, though he had not regained consciousness. He remained in that condition till death, about 3 o'clock this morning. He was the son of Alanson and Mary Banks Hull, being born in Hull's Farm district in Fairfield. Though well advanced in years, Mr. Hull had possessed of a remarkable vitality, and had up to his last illness always enjoyed the best of health. A widow survives.

The funeral of Ida Irene Fairchild, wife of James H. Hardie, Jr., was held this morning from her late home, 42 Shelton street, at 8 o'clock and thence to St. Charles church, where Rev. J. B. Hession sang a high mass of requiem. At the offertory, Miss Jessie Murray sang "Av Maria" at the conclusion of the mass. "Heaven is Her Home" and as the body was being borne out of the edifice, "Thy Will Be Done." The bearers were Christopher McGuire, James Noonan, James Solon, L. M. Shaughnessy, Frank Hisinger and Peter Tierney. Interment was in St. Michael's.

**Commissioners Hear Wholesale Protests**  
(Special from United Press.)  
Hartford, Jan. 31.—The semi-annual meeting of the New England joint conference board of street railway men employed by the Connecticut company, Mass. Portchester, N.Y., at Worcester, Mass., is being held this city today. The chief purpose of the meeting is to take a vote on the proposition of submitting to the Connecticut Company officials a demand for a maximum wage scale of 30 cents per hour for all trolley men. In case the delegates vote for the 30 cent maximum scale, which is practically certain, the demand will be presented to the Connecticut Company at once.

**BARNUM PRIZE SUBJECTS ANNOUNCED TO SENIORS**  
The seniors at the High School who intend to compete for the Barnum prize on commencement night have fourteen subjects to select from, a larger number than have heretofore been enjoyed by any other class. The subjects follow: Wireless Telegraphy, Power of the Press, Arctic Explorations, Aerial Navigation, Famous Mothers of History, Influence of the United States Among the Nations, The Passion play, Shakespeare's Dramas, The Slave Trade, The Prevailing of the English Language, Spelling Reform, Panama Canal, Abraham Lincoln, Dickens and Thackeray, and Industrial Problems.

**Handsome Bartender Jilted By Intended**  
He Sues Man Who Slandered Him for Damages, Claiming Bride to Believe the Slanders.

Anthony Ansefsky, a bartender, who is considered one of the best looking men in the Polish colony, has brought suit against Clemens Hrzanowski, who formerly kept a grocery store at Park and Railroad avenues, for the alienation of the affections of pretty Stanislawa Rzechowska. He claims that the ceremony was to have been performed yesterday, and would have been had not the defendant made a statement that the prospective bridegroom was already married. Ansefsky claimed that although the bans had been called twice in the Polish church in East Bridgeport the bride refused to marry him because of the reputation given him by the defendant. The sum of \$500 and damages is asked. City Sheriff Cohen has served the papers in the case and the suit is brought through Geduldig & Mervin.

# FATHER KILLS LITTLE DAUGHTER, THEN SHOTS INFANT SON AND SELF

New York Mechanic Sends Wife to Store for Candy "Just to Make It a Real Holiday," and on Her Return She Finds Children and Husband Lying in a Pool of Blood.

(Special from United Press.)  
New York, Jan. 31.—Daniel F. Ryan, a mechanic, today shot and killed his 3-year-old daughter Emily, fatally wounded his 2-year-old son William, and then shot himself, inflicting a wound which the doctors at Flower Hospital, where he and the boy were taken, say will result fatally before night. It is believed that domestic troubles were the cause of his act. Ryan was employed in the Park department and for several days had been acting strangely. Today he declared that he would remain home from work and Mrs. Ryan encouraged him to do so, saying that he "needed the rest." He said:  
"Just to make it a real holiday, mother, go to the store and get some candy for the kids." She laughed and went out. A few seconds later Lillie Trooler, who lives in an adjoining apartment, heard three shots. She ran into Ryan's room and found Ryan and the babies lying on the floor. The woman's screams aroused the neighborhood and Mrs. Ryan returned to find her two children and husband lying covered with blood while an ambulance surgeon was working. Trying to save the life of the husband and the little boy, Mrs. Ryan became hysterical and had to be taken to the hospital.  
Before losing consciousness Ryan told the police that he did the shooting but made no other explanation. There is a very slight chance for the boy to recover.  
The police declared in their opinion Ryan had become insane.

# WETHERSFIELD MAKES ROOM FOR BISSENETTE

Slayer of Demery Will Be Transferred With Other Prisoners, Among Whom Are the Greenwich Highwaymen.

Tomorrow will be house-cleaning day at the County jail, eight prisoners, who receive state prison sentences at the last term of the Criminal Superior court will be taken to Wethersfield. The octet has been at the North avenue house because of the fact that the state institution has been cramped for room. The prisoners they have on the outer walls. Within the month a number of prisoners have completed their sentences, the authorities in this county receiving word that they could send on all the prisoners they have here awaiting the stripes. The man who goes up probably never to return again is Napoleon Bissonnette, who has a life sentence to serve. Bissonnette now pays the penalty of his shooting and killing his brother-in-law.

# HARRY PORTER GUEST OF HONOR AT BANQUET

Harry F. Porter of this city returned home, this afternoon, from Worcester, Mass., where he delivered an address before the Alhambra Council, Knights of Columbus, of that city on "Athletics and the Olympic Games at London." Mr. Porter carries with him stereoscopic views of many athletic encounters, which make his lectures very interesting. His reception, last evening, was enthusiastic. Later in the evening Mr. Porter was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the council.

# UNCLASSIFIED

- DUE NIGHT** at Oxford Club Feb. 1, 1910. a
- FOR SALE**—12 foot bar, fixtures, complete. Apply 688 Main St. a p
- FOR SALE**—Six room cottage. Enquire Fred Troesser, Avon Ave. Stratford, Ct. A 31 d p
- FOR SALE**—8 room cottage, all improvements. Enquire at 596 North Ave. A 31 d p
- TO RENT**—Well furnished room with or without board. Conveniences. Small private family. Single house. Address Rom, care Farmer. a p
- TO RENT**—6 rooms, all improvements, 592 Atlantic St. Enquire at 255 Water St. A 31 b p
- BRYAN CASSIDY**, 138 Main St., announces sale of household furniture first week of February. A 31 u p
- DR. MANSFIELD**, the foot specialist, 20 Meigs Bldg. can cure your corns and bunions without pain. a
- LOST**—Saturday night, purse containing sum of money. Reward if returned to 447 Maplewood Ave. a p
- FIRE MOVING PICTURE SHOW** at Eagles' Hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 2, 1910. Everyone welcome. No admission. A 31 s o
- LOST**—On Elm or Main St., Saturday 5 p. m. sum of money. Liberal reward for return. E. A. K., 157 Seaview Ave. a p
- TWO FURNISHED** connecting rooms for light housekeeping. Large kitchen and bedroom. Courtney's, 116 Wall St. a p
- COMMERCIAL HOUSE** and Annex, 65-67 Water St. Just the place to stop if in the city, by the day or week. Good rooms, good beds. Free bath. Rates right. A 31 s o
- M'DOWELL'S** Dressmaking and Millinery School best in the country. Call, investigate or send for circulars. A 31 s o
- MONEY FURNISHED SALARIED PEOPLE**, business concerns and others without security. Cheapest rates, easiest payments; offices in 66 principal cities. D. H. Tolman, Room 47, 46 Cannon St. S 18 t f
- GUINEA HENS**, ducks, roasting chickens, broilers, fowl, liver pudding, sausage meat, bologna. B. M. and B. B. G 15 t 13 s o
- WHEN YOU WANT** a good Derby or soft hat, see Jim at 374 East Main street. You know who James J. Sheehan. D 14 t f 13 s
- OUR SPECIALTY**—Country Pork, Pig's Hocks, and Brautwurster, at Nagle's, E. Main St. G 15 t f 13 s
- PRICES** have gone up and will go higher, cover your pipes and pipes now. J. F. Welsh, 114 Kossuth street. H 18 t f 63 t
- PRATT'S CAFE**, 137 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free lunch served daily. G 28 t 13 s o
- FOR SALE**—In center of city, fifteen room house in excellent condition, all improvements. Suitable for private residence or boarding house. It will suit you. Address for particulars, Box B, this office. A 31 s o
- SPECIAL** for Tuesday and Wednesday. Mens sewed soles and heels. Lasts 60c. Sterling, 275 State street. a p
- FOR SALE**—Saloon in good location, fixtures, license and long lease. Apply 688 Main St. a p
- WANTED**—Second hand automobile. Address "Auto" this office. A 29 u p o
- FOR RENT**—Five room flat with large yard and garden. 407 Shelton St. A 28 s p o
- WANTED**—Situation in grocery store or saloon. Address J. Valiko, 113 Church St. A 28 s p o
- STORE TO RENT**, 270 Bunnell St. Enquire 292 Bunnell St. A 26 d o
- TO RENT**—3 rooms, all improvements on second floor. 186 Pembroke St., one block from Stratford Ave. A 29 s p 13
- TO RENT**—Six room flat with house and garden above St. Vincent's. Apply J. H. Keenan, Pol's theatre. A 29 s p o
- BLACKSMITHS WANTED**—Experienced blacksmith on repairing and light work. 9 hours. Gates Carriage Co. A 29 s p o
- TO RENT**—Desk room with roll top desk. 416 Warner Building. 12 t f o
- TYPEWRITING**—Mimeographing. Notary Public. Sears, 138 Meigs Bldg. P 17 t o
- A PIANO NEW**, \$160. A fine good second hand at bargain price. Dial & Lee Music Co., 84 Cannon St. A 20 t f o
- OPPORTUNITY**—A chance to invest in a local enterprise that will pay good returns. Investigate. P. O. Box 603. A 18 t f o
- FOR SALE**—Here is a chance to make money. 4 family house, 20 rooms, rents \$900 per year. Leave your address at Farmer Publishing Co., office. H 27 t f o
- BRIDGEPORT Housecleaning Bureau**, Asbes, rubbish removed. 483 Newfield avenue. Telephone 1316-5. Ralph L. Miller, Prop. G 2 t f o
- FOR SALE**—Block of 40 rooms, rent for \$1,335 per year. Good paying property and a widow can't take care of same. Address Farmer office. T 2 t f o
- TO RENT**—Apartments at 302 Golden Hill St. Seven rooms and bath. Enquire of owner, 441 Washington Ave. T 3 t f o
- FOR SALE**—Single house, 7 rooms, good barn. Leave your address at Farmer Office. H 27 t f o
- CONSTIPATED?** Bilious? Sick Headache? Casca Laxative Tablets knock them all. T 6 o o
- FOR SALE**—New ten room house in center of city, and caper for sale to sell on commission, a good location, and 10 years' experience. Reference given. Athington & Benjamin, ladies' tailors, 154 Fairfield Ave. over Behrens' meat market. Alterations on ready made suits a specialty. A 31 b p o